

## Democrat Enterprise

Accomack Court House, Va.

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### Democratic Nominees.

For House of Delegates:  
S. WILKINS MATTHEWS,  
For Accomack County.

JOHN E. NOTTINGHAM,  
For Northampton and Accomack Counties.

L. G. DONAHOE,  
For Elizabeth City and Accomack Counties.

The meeting of farmers at Onley to day is an important one and should be well attended by citizens from every section of the Eastern Shore. It is so important, in fact, that the farmers will go very far in saying by their action to day, "whether the movement for better prices for their products" is to be a success or not. That the farmers feel an interest in the meeting and that they desire that it will result in an organization which will enable them to work together so as to secure better prices for their produce in the future will not be questioned, but a movement of such vital importance demands something more at their hands than good wishes. It needs the hearty co-operation of everyone who feels an interest in it at the time of organization as well as the active and earnest support of all who desire its success thereafter, and everyone therefore, who can, ought to be present to day and give a helping hand.

It goes without saying, of course, that the success of the Exchange will depend in a great measure upon the officers to whom the management will be committed to day, and that all of us, whether farmers or not, have interest enough, in a movement which properly conducted means so much to the prosperity of all our people, to desire the selection of those most likely to promote the interests of the organization. To that end, of course, a full meeting is desired of citizens of every section of the Shore and the question, in effecting the organization paramount to all others, should be, under whose management it will be most efficiently conducted. That a meeting of so much importance to us will be controlled in that spirit, we do not doubt, and "with the offices seeking the men" there ought to be no question, that men can and will be selected to control the affairs of the Exchange in a way to make it a success.

Independent candidates for the Legislature are more numerous in Virginia this year than ever before in the history of the State. Of that class, it is stated, that sixty-four have entered the race, and that of the number, with few exceptions, all have heretofore acted with the party and still proclaim their fealty to it. There is some reason, of course, for this great defection in our ranks, and while not to be encouraged, is sufficient ground for alarm to cause us to pause and take steps to heal the breach which threatens the party. It is folly to say that it does not exist and to ignore it. That there is a state of unrest in the democratic ranks in many parts of Virginia cannot be denied and the reason for it, in the opinion of many, is not hard to find.

The independents of course must be beaten. "Party regularity" demands that much of us, but how long the people of the State even for the sake of party will submit to one man's power is another question, and one which should be long unheeded by us. Tom Martin as his own successor, if he should be, may presume to dictate who shall fill the offices from Governor down for a while, but it cannot be long before the party must suffer by those in revolt against him and his methods. He in a great measure is responsible for the independent candidates at this time and our next Legislature if true to the best interests of the people will see that he is soon "a statesman without a job."

The scheme of selling the oyster beds of our State to a New York syndicate will fail, if the newspapers of the State reflect the sentiment of the people on that question. If there is one in the State that favors the proposition it has not come to our notice. The Richmond Leader, referring to the subject, about reflects their views, in the following:

The rumor is in circulation that a New York syndicate will propose to the next Legislature to purchase the Virginia oyster grounds. We do not know how much truth there is in this rumor, and we do not know anything of the scope of the proposal. But if it is meant that the State of Virginia is to sell out the oyster privileges of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to a foreign corporation, we say that the proposal is too absurd for serious consideration.

We believe that these oyster beds should be developed to the highest state of improvement so as to bring the richest results, so as to make the oyster yield as large and as luscious as possible and bring into the public treasury the greatest revenue consistent with the welfare of the oyster industry. But the idea of selling out to a foreign corporation is not to be entertained for a moment.

### The Next Legislature.

A letter from Richmond to the Washington, D. C. Star says: It is estimated that about one-third of the regularly nominated Democrats will have opposition. The Republicans have made not more than half a dozen nominations. Most of those opposing the Democrats are independents, and in nearly every case they claim to be better party men than the nominees.

The vote in this State will be less, probably, the half of the registration. There has not been in a great many years such a lack of interest in the general result. The few stump speakers who have been sent out have found it almost to get and secure of respectable size, and still more difficult to interest the voters in the issues.

All of the big contests are settled in advance. Senator Martin will have three-fourths of the votes in the Democratic caucus, though Governor Tyler will not now admit it. In fact, he claims he has a fighting chance to win out. Speaker Ryan of the house of delegates, elected by E. W. Saunders of Franklin county, will practically the same vote that will re-elect Senator Martin. Mr. Ryan, who is from Loudoun county, is the oldest member in the house in point of service. He was first elected in 1883, and succeeded Judge R. H. Cardwell as speaker, when the latter was elected to the bench of the court of appeals. Mr. Saunders was badly beaten by Mr. Ryan two years ago. Mr. Ryan's downfall will be due to the fact that he does not speak the "language of the tribe." In other words, he is not a Martin man, and Mr. Saunders is, Mr. Saunders has been a member for more than ten years, and has been a conspicuous leader on the floor. He is the ablest debater in the house, and is a very accomplished parliamentarian.

Most of the legislative and state officers will be unopposed. Henry T. Wickham will be again honored with the office of president pro tem of the senate, and Joseph Button, the secretary of the state democratic committee, will have no one to run against him. Frank B. Watkins of Charlotte, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, will be re-elected, but Dr. W. C. Nunn, of West Point, the doorkeeper of the senate, will have opposition.

There is a pretty fight on for the clerkship of the house. This office was filled for about thirty years by the late Col. John Bell Bigger. When the colonel died, Gov. Tyler appointed Thomas H. Bigger, the colonel's son, to the office. Young Bigger is running. He has opposition in Judge W. N. Gooch, of Louisa, William Henry Mann, of Petersburg, formerly the colonel's district attorney, who had to resign in 1896 on account of too active participation in politics; John T. Loving, the mayor of Pulaski; Clarence T. Boykin, a Richmond newspaper man; and John W. Williams, commonwealth's attorney of Giles county. Most of the candidates are making a canvass of the state. The clerk of the house is also keeper of the rolls of Virginia. It is one of the best state offices.

Col. Morton Myer, of Alexandria, who was elected auditor of public accounts in 1888, has been re-elected every two years since that time. He is not only a made officer, but he left a leg upon the battlefield. No one for several years has ventured to run against him. He will, as usual, have a clear field.

Virginia is fortunate in having good officials, and state officers have been singularly free from scandal. Treasurer A. W. Harman, Second Auditor Josiah Ryland, Jr., Secretary of the Commonwealth Joseph T. Lewis and Superintendent of the Penitentiary George M. Helms have no opposition up to this time. Register of the Land Office J. W. Richardson has a clear field, but the general assembly two years ago tried to abolish this position. The court of appeals decided that the bill was defective, and Richardson has held on. The legislature will doubtless abolish the position. The only state officer who has opposition is the superintendent of public printing, J. H. O'Bannon. L. E. Lookbill, of Roanoke, is running against him. Capt. O'Bannon has filled the office for twelve years.

The railroad commissioner and superintendent of public instruction have two years longer to serve. The governor appoints the adjutant general, commissioner of agriculture and commissioner of labor.

There are several judgeships to be filled. A reform will be started at this session. It has been the practice of the general assembly for some years to elect its members to the bench in most cases whenever they aspired. The people have been crying out against this evil, and it will not be an easy matter hereafter for a legislator to be elected by his colleagues to any office.

### Oyster-Tax Collections.

It is well for us to refer again to the amount of tax paid under the new oyster law, with the view of informing the public while the subject is receiving more than ordinary attention. The Board of Fisheries give their receipts for the year ending March 31, 1899, by cities and counties, as follows:

Accomack	\$8,964
Elizabeth City	4,890
Essex	568
Giles	451
Isle of Wight	1,459
James City	504
King George	485
King & Queen	735
Lancaster	3,264
Mathews	2,125
Middlesex	3,935
Nampansett	1,631
New Kent	1,114
Norfolk	1,093
Norfolk city	312
Northampton	2,879
Northumberland	5,138
Portsmouth	88
Princess Anne	965
Richmond county	1,900
Warwick	3,338
Westmoreland	1,248
York	3,408
Stafford	9

We omit the fractional parts of a dollar.

The foregoing receipts, with sums collected from old accounts, etc., made a grand total of \$54,435.99. The disbursements on account of the steamer Chesapeake were \$8,442; for steamer Accomack, \$5,472; for steamer Pocomoke, \$2,354; for surveying, \$15. Total, \$18,283.65. Balance on hand from sum appropriated for the fiscal year, ending September 30, 1898, \$8,113.35.

The expenses of the board and its employees amounted to \$3,904.08—\$305.93 less than the sum appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

It now appears that the yearly expenses incident to the enforcement of the law are about \$30,000, while the receipts (omitting back taxes collected, etc.), are about \$51,746. The net receipts will gradually grow in amount, we think, and we doubt not that the board has some practical suggestions to make to the Legislature to promote that end.

We think the law is growing in popularity, and that intelligent public sentiment in the oyster country is being exerted in its behalf. In short, the results of the law are so gratifying, and it affords such promise for the future, the Legislature would do well to refuse to reopen the question, except in so far as may be necessary to perfect the system, which is now working so well.—Richmond Dispatch.

### VIRGINIA NEWS.

Disastrous forest fires are raging in the Dismal Swamp.

Rev. James Cannon, of Blackstone, was painfully injured on Monday night while returning from Creve, his horse ran away, caused by breaking of the harness.

Miss Celeste Parrish, one of the best known actresses in the State, of the Woman's College, Lynchburg, is in Chicago to deliver an address before the Collegiate Alumnae Society.

In reply to an invitation from Senator Blackburn, Senator Daniel has written stating that on account of pressing engagements he cannot speak in the Kentucky campaign this fall.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company may bid on one or more of the six new cruisers of the Denver class, estimates for which will be admitted to the Navy Department next month.

For thirty seven years the resting place of ex-President John Taylor in Richmond, has been unmarked, but the grave will hereafter be known. The Hollywood Cemetery Association, in whose ground the ex-President is buried, has decided to erect a monument over his grave.

The Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners of Virginia opened bids on Friday last week for \$115,000 of century bonds advertised for on behalf of the State. There were 12 bids. Parsons, Leach & Co., brokers of New York, submitted the lowest bid, which was \$8,684. It was accordingly accepted. Altogether \$508,300 worth of bonds were offered for sale by the various bidders responding to the advertisement.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

FOR SALE—Several building lots at Onley Station at reasonable prices. For fuller particulars apply to Wm. D. Tunnell, Onley, Va.

FOR RENT—For the year 1900, the house and lot in Pungoteague, occupied this year by John R. Fletcher. Apply to Wm. L. Harper, Pungoteague, or Dr. H. H. Ayres, Accomack C. H.

WANTED—By Mrs. H. S. Summerman music pupils for the session 1899 and 1900. Address Mrs. H. S. Summerman, Accomack C. H., Va.

NOTICE—A bay colt came to my house a few days ago. The owner will please call for same and pay charges. T. B. Phillips, Keller, Va.

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